In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 41-70 (claims 1-40 being canceled previously). Please add new claims 71-83. The status of each claim is indicated. Currently amended claims are shown with additions underlined and deletions in ~~strikethrough~~.

Claims 1-70 (Canceled)

71. (New) A ureteral stent, comprising:

a distal region including a tubular body defining a lumen and an opening on a proximal end of the distal region, the opening being in communication with the lumen, the distal region including a distal retention structure configured to help retain the ureteral stent within a kidney of a patient; and

a proximal region including a first loop and a second loop, the first loop extending from the distal region, the second loop extending from the distal region, the first loop and the second loop each being constructed of substantially the same material as the distal region, the first loop and the second loop each being configured to be at least partially positioned in a bladder of the patient, the first loop having a first portion and a second portion, the second loop having a first portion and a second portion, the first portion of the first loop extending from the distal region at a first location, the second portion of the first loop extending from the distal region at a second location, the first location and the second location associated with the first loop defining an axis, the first portion of the second loop extending from the distal region at a first location, the second portion of the second loop extending from the distal region at a second location, the first location and the second location associated with the second loop defining an axis, the axis associated with the first loop and the axis associated with the second loop do not intersect within an area defined by the opening.

72. (New) The ureteral stent of claim 71, wherein the first loop is continuous and unitary and the second loop is continuous and unitary.

73. (New) The ureteral stent of claim 71, wherein the first axis and the second axis are parallel.

74. (New) The ureteral stent of claim 71, wherein the retention structure is a coil.

75. (New) The ureteral stent of claim 71, wherein the first loop and the second loop each have a circular cross section.

76. (New) The ureteral stent of claim 71, wherein the first loop and the second loop are fused.

77. (New) A ureteral stent, comprising:

a distal region including a tubular body defining a lumen and an opening on a proximal end of the distal region, the opening being in communication with the lumen, the distal region including a distal retention structure configured to help retain the ureteral stent within a kidney of a patient; and

a proximal region including a first loop and a second loop, the first loop extending monolithically from the distal region, the second loop extending monolithically from the distal region, at least a portion of the first loop and at least a portion of the second loop each being configured to be disposed in a bladder of the patient, the first loop having a first portion and a second portion, the second loop having a first portion and a second portion, the first portion of the first loop extending from the distal region at a first location, the second portion of the first loop extending from the distal region at a second location, the first location and the second location associated with the first loop defining an axis, the first portion of the second loop extending from the distal region at a first location, the second portion of the second loop extending from the distal region at a second location, the first location and the second location associated with the second loop defining an axis, the axis associated with the first loop and the axis associated with the second loop do not intersect within an area defined by the opening.

78. (New) The ureteral stent of claim 77, wherein the first axis and the second axis are parallel.

79. (New) The ureteral stent of claim 77, wherein the first loop is continuous and unitary and the second loop is continuous and unitary.

80. (New) The ureteral stent of claim 77, wherein the distal region has an outer diameter and the first loop and the second loop each have an outer diameter, the outer diameter of the first loop and the outer diameter of the second loop each being smaller than the outer diameter of the distal region.

81. (New) A ureteral stent, comprising:

a distal region including a distal portion and a proximal portion, the distal portion including a distal retention structure configured to help retain the ureteral stent within a kidney of a patient, the distal region having a length; and

a loop portion extending monolithically from a proximal end of the distal region, the loop portion being configured to be at least partially positioned in a bladder of the patient, the loop portion defining a length, the length associated with the loop portion being at least as great as the length associated with the distal region.

82. (New) The ureteral stent of claim 81, wherein the loop is continuous and unitary.

83. (New) A ureteral stent, comprising:

a distal region including a tubular body defining a lumen and an opening on a proximal end of the distal region, the opening being in communication with the lumen, the distal region including a distal retention structure configured to help retain the ureteral stent within a kidney of a patient; and

a proximal region including a first loop and a second loop, the first loop extending monolithically from the distal region, the second loop extending monolithically from the distal region, at least a portion of the first loop and at least a portion of the second loop each being configured to be disposed in a bladder of the patient, the first loop having a

first portion and a second portion, the second loop having a first portion and a second portion, the first portion of the first loop extending from the distal region at a first location, the second portion of the first loop extending from the distal region at a second location, a first portion of a perimeter of the opening being located between the first location associated with the first portion of the first loop and the second location associated with the second portion of the first loop, a second portion of the perimeter of the opening being located between the first location associated with the first portion of the first loop and the second location associated with the second portion of the first loop, the first portion of the perimeter of the opening being different than the second portion of the perimeter of the opening, the first portion of the second loop and the second portion of the second loop each extending from the first portion of the perimeter of the opening.